



Newsletter – April 2010

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Teachers Teaching Teachers, Workshops, Wednesday April 14 2010

The program for April's TTT is attached. Registration will begin at 3:00, and end at 3:45. We request that all participants make sure that they arrive in time to register so that the presentations can begin on time. The first workshop sessions will begin at 4:00 p.m. The second sessions will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the event will end at 5:45 p.m. Certificates will be awarded for each session attended, so participants who attend both sessions will receive two certificates.

We are very grateful to all our presenters for their preparation time, and for their willingness to share their expertise. The workshops will once again be held in the Primary School of Qatar Academy. Entrance will be through Gate 2 or Gate 5, where the driver of the car will need to leave an ID. The most convenient parking will be in the Primary School car park. The Registration area will be signposted from the tented area at the entrance to the primary school.

Membership of Qatar Reads

Annual membership of Qatar Reads is QAR 50, and entitles members to attend all three Teachers Teaching Teachers (TTT) workshop sessions. If teachers are attending the TTT for the first time, they will need to pay the registration fee.

To streamline registration at the TTT sessions, we request that all teachers print and bring with them one of the attached registration forms – there is one form for teachers who have already paid and are members of Qatar Reads, and another for Teachers who have not yet joined.

Special Workshop Sessions

➤ **Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore**

Authors Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore will be presenting at both sessions of the TTT. Their topic will be "How to get kids Reading"

"The 2 Steves have done more in the past five years or so to get kids and teenagers reading than any number of "literary" strategies." *Achuka Children's Books website*

"The two Steves know what reluctant readers need and deliver." *TES January 2003*

"You inspired not only the children but staff and parents too..." *Parkroyal Community School, Macclesfield School's Library Service, Calderdale Council*

"Your talent and enthusiasm couldn't fail to inspire the teachers, parents and children of Hardwick Junior school." *Janet Lawrence, Family Learning Co-ordinator, Derby City Council*

➤ **Model United Nations Film Festival**

This workshop will view several of the 24 films produced by school students for the recent Model United Nations Film Festival.

http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=351359&version=1&template_id=36&parent_id=16

Book Displays

At the TTT there will be book displays from **Araboh Book Shop (Arabic Books)** and **Abu Kharbal Book Shop (English Books)**. These will be set up by 3:00 p.m. and will run throughout the afternoon. You are welcome to browse, and buy books, and get a taste for what is available in Doha. Both bookshops run school book fairs, and will be happy to share information about them.

Upcoming Events

World Book Day will be celebrated on 23 April, 2010. Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing is spearheading activities in Doha. To keep up to date with Bloomsbury event, visit their Face Book Page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bloomsbury-Qatar-Foundation-Publishing/164152856458?ref=mf> or follow BFQP on Twitter #BQFP

The UNESCO site records worldwide events:

http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=40571&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

The UK celebrated World Book Day on 4 March, and their website offers many resources:

http://www.worldbookday.com/for_schools_and_children.asp

Points of Interest

Useful Literacy links:

From the UK World Book Day website – Dyslexia Information for parents and teachers

http://www.worldbookday.com/assets_cm/files/PDF/dyslexialeaflet.pdf

Publish your own children's book – Story Jumper

<http://www.storyjumper.com/>

International Children's Digital Library

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

The mission of the International Children's Digital Library Foundation (ICDL Foundation) is to support the world's children in becoming effective members of the global community - who exhibit tolerance and respect for diverse cultures, languages and ideas -- by making the best in children's literature available online free of charge. The Foundation pursues its vision by building a digital library of outstanding children's books from around the world and supporting communities of children and adults in exploring and using this literature through innovative technology designed in close partnership with children for children. This site offers online books in many languages, including Arabic

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